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SUBJECT:MARITIME SATELLITES AND U.S.-SOVIET TALKS

1. IT HAS COME TO THE DEPARTMENT'S ATTENTION THAT IN REC
RECENT TALKS WITH BRITISH THE SOVIETS APPARENTLY DELIBERATELY
MISLED THEM REGARDING SOME U.S. POSITIONS TAKEN IN MARITIME
SATELLITE TALKS WITH SOVIETS. SPECIFICALLY, SOVIETS
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STATED THAT U.S. HAS CHANGED ITS VIEW REGARDING THE

DESIRABILITY OF A TWO AGREEMENT SOLUTION TO INSTITUTIONAL
ARRANGEMENT FOR A MARITIME SATELLITE ORGANIZATION, AND
STATED THAT U.S. IS NOW WILLING TO ACCEPT MODIFICATION
OF ARTICLE 6 OF THE EXISTING DRAFT CONVENTION. SUCH IS
NOT THE CASE. U.S. CONTINUES TO PREFER THE TWO AGREEMENT
APPROACH AND PLANS TO SUBMIT TO THE LONDON CONFERENCE
THE TEXT OF THE MORE CRITICAL ARTICLES IN EACH AGREEMENT.
2. IN ADDITION THE SOVIETS MISREPRESENTED THE U.S.
POSITION REGARDING INMARSAT ORGANIZATION'S PROCUREMENT
POLICY, SAYING THAT THE U.S. NOW ACCEPTED ALTERNATIVE A
OF ARTICLE 28 OF THE POE DRAFT CONVENTION WITH SOME
SLIGHT MODIFICATION. THIS DESCRIPTION IS ALSO
CONTRARY TO THE U.S. POSITION TAKEN IN TALKS WITH
SOVIETS. U.S. MADE CLEAR ITS CONTINUED PREFERENCE FOR
ALTERNATIVE B, OR AT LEAST LANGUAGE EMBODYING THE PRINCIPLE
CONTAINED IN ALTERNATIVE B.
3. THE DEPARTMENT WOULD APPRECIATE LEARNING OF ANY

INSTANCES WHERE THE SOVIETS HAVE MISREPRESENTED U.S.
VIEWS ON MARITIME SATELLITES. IF THE SOVIETS HAVE
MISREPRESENTED THE U.S. POSITION IN DISCUSSIONS WITH
HOST GOVERNMENTS THEN THE DEPARTMENT WOULD APPRECIATE
ADDRESSEE POSTS CLARIFYING THE U.S. POSITION AS
DESCRIBED ABOVE. INGERSOLL

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